



# STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (SEPA) DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

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## PROJECT INFORMATION

**PROJECT NAME:** Amendments for Emergency Preparedness

**SEPA FILE NUMBER:** SEPA-2016-01991

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Comprehensive Plan amendment to amend policy CF-1 and add new policy CF-2.5 regarding emergency preparedness.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** citywide

**SITE ADDRESS:**

**APPLICANT:** Jason Rogers

**LEAD AGENCY:** City of Redmond

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that the requirements of environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed through the City's regulations and Comprehensive Plan together with applicable State and Federal laws.

Additionally, the lead agency has determined that the proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment as described under SEPA.

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. **This information is available to the public on request.**

## CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

**PROJECT PLANNER NAME:** Cathy Beam

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### **COMMENT PERIOD**

Depending upon the proposal, a comment period may not be required. An "**X**" is placed next to the applicable comment period provision.

There is no comment period for this DNS. Please see below for appeal provisions.

**'X'** This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2), and the lead agency will not make a decision on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments can be submitted to the Project Planner, via phone, fax (425)556-2400, email or in person at the Development Services Center located at 15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, WA 98052. **Comments must be submitted by 12/16/2016.**

### **APPEAL PERIOD**

You may appeal this determination to the City of Redmond Office of the City Clerk, Redmond City Hall, 15670 NE 85th Street, P.O. Box 97010, Redmond, WA 98073-9710, **no later than 5:00 p.m. on 01/03/2017**, by submitting a completed City of Redmond Appeal Application Form available on the City's website at [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov) or at City Hall. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections.

**DATE OF DNS ISSUANCE:** December 2, 2016

**For more information about the project or SEPA procedures, please contact the project planner.**

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:** Robert G. Odle  
Planning Director

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:** Linda E. De Boldt  
Public Works Director

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** 15670 NE 85th Street Redmond, WA 98052

**CITY OF REDMOND**

**ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST**

**NON-PROJECT ACTION**

*(Revised 5/27/15)*

**Purpose of the Checklist:**

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the City of Redmond identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

**Instructions for Applicants:**

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply" and indicate the reason why the question "does not apply". It is not adequate to submit responses such as "N/A" or "does not apply"; without providing a reason why the specific section does not relate or cause an impact. Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later. If you need more space to write answers attach them and reference the question number.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the City can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. When you submit this checklist the City may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Planner Name: CBeam

Date of Review: 11/21/16



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| <p>7. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):</p> <p>Planning Commission - December 2016/January 2017<br/> City Council - February/March 2017</p>  | <p>CB</p>                      |
| <p>8. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal?<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, explain.</p>                           | <p>CB</p>                      |
| <p>9. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared or will be prepared directly related to this proposal.</p> <p>None.</p>   | <p>CB</p>                      |
| <p>10. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, explain.</p> | <p>CB</p>                      |

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| <p>11. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.</p> <p>Redmond City Council approval</p>  | <p>CB - Type IV, Comprehensive Plan Amendment</p> |
| <p>12. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page.</p> <p>The proposal would revise an existing policy to more clearly highlight emergency preparedness and add a new policy to directly address emergency preparedness.</p>   | <p>CB</p>   |
| <p>13. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist</p> <p>The proposal would apply citywide.</p> | <p>CB</p>   |

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| <p><b>B. <u>SUPPLEMENTAL</u></b></p> <p>Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.</p> <p>When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.</p> <p>1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?</p> <p>The proposal is not likely to affect this part of the environment because it addresses emergency preparedness and management. However a proposed policy amendment would call for use of emergency power generation and other backup/resilience capabilities which would likely consume diesel fuel. Diesel backup generators would emit diesel exhaust and generate noise when in use.</p> <p>Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:</p> <p>None. Emissions of diesel exhaust and noise would occur intermittently for regular testing and maintenance, or during emergency situations which occur at rare irregular intervals.</p> <p>2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?</p> <p>The proposal is unlikely to affect this part of the environment because it addresses emergency preparedness and management.</p> <p>Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish or marine life are:</p> <p>None.</p> | <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> |

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| <p>3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?</p> <p>The proposal is not likely to affect this part of the environment because it addresses emergency preparedness and management. However a proposed policy amendment would call for use of emergency power generation and other backup/resilience capabilities which would likely consume diesel fuel.</p> <p>Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:</p> <p>None.</p> <p>4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?</p> <p>The proposal is unlikely to affect this part of the environment because it addresses emergency preparedness and management.</p> <p>Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:</p> <p>None.</p> | <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> |

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| <p>5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?</p> <p>The proposal is unlikely to affect this part of the environment because it addresses emergency preparedness and management. The proposal calls for siting of public facilities useful for emergency management and response in non-hazardous areas (for example, areas not subject to liquefaction, landslides, or inundation) but would not affect general land use.</p> <p>Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:</p> <p>None.</p> | <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>            |
| <p>6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?</p> <p>The proposal is unlikely to affect this part of the environment because it addresses emergency preparedness and management.</p> <p>Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:</p> <p>The proposal would add a Comprehensive Plan policy regarding emergency management which would increase infrastructure resiliency and provide for emergency management response.</p>   | <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>            |

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| <p>7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.</p> <p>The proposal does not conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for environmental protection.</p> | <p>CB</p>                      |

**C. SIGNATURE**

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: Jason Rogers Digitally signed by Jason Rogers  
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Date: 2016.11.21 09:39:49 -08'00'

Name of Signee: Jason Rogers

Position and Agency/Organization: Senior Planner, City of Redmond

Relationship of Signer to Project: Applicant

Date Submitted: 11/8/2016 (original), 11/21/2016 (revised)

**CF-1 Develop and regularly update functional plans that assess capital facility needs and strategies for addressing such needs. Provide opportunities for public involvement appropriate to the nature of the update. Use functional plans to guide the development of capital priorities and investment decisions within each of the following functional areas:**

- Fire protection and ~~emergency management~~ response, including the city and Fire District #34;
- Police protection;
- Stormwater and surface water management;
- Water and sewer systems;
- Parks, arts, recreation, culture and conservation;
- Transportation;
- Emergency management;
- General government facilities; and
- Other functional areas as identified.

**CF-2.5 Ensure that functional and strategic plans address emergency management requirements as applicable including:**

- Seismic retrofits;
- Infrastructure resiliency (“Safe-to-fail”) mechanisms including backup power generation, resilient network infrastructure, and communications;
- Methods and facilities (“Alternative Service Centers”) to provide essential services including shelter, food and water, medical care, cleanup, and restoration. Alternative service centers should be located in less hazardous areas of the city.